

Miami, Florida
August 23, 1962

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The captioned informant was contacted on the indicated dates and furnished the following information:

[redacted] informant stated that he had heard around the Fontainebleau Hotel that JOE FISCHETTI is now not being seen around the Fontainebleau but is reportedly hanging out at another hotel.

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FISCHETTI [redacted] he had received presents of furnishings from FRANK SINATRA and NATALIE WOOD, both prominent show business personalities.

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FISCHETTI additionally [redacted] at a later time that the 1962 Pontiac which FISCHETTI drives [redacted] [redacted] who has been identified as an associate of hoodlums in that city.

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The informant stated on this occasion that he has not seen [redacted] FISCHETTI, in some time.

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[redacted] the informant stated that he had [redacted] Fontainbleau concerning [redacted] he had not been around.

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[redacted] the informant had no information of value.

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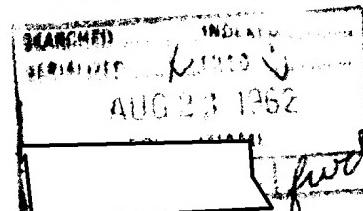
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[redacted] the informant furnished the following information:

With regard to JOSEPH FISCHETTI, the informant has not seen him. The informant is contemplating FISCHETTI concerning [redacted]

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In this connection, the informant [redacted]

connection with the construction of a north and south expressway. This property contains houses which will have to be torn down.

[redacted] to FISCHETTI and asking FISCHETTI [redacted]

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and a good friend of FISCHETTI.

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Informant stated that it would not be good business directly because of the possibility that [redacted]

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the [redacted] belief that, if FISCHETTI made the arrangement [redacted] the latter would not try any such tactic.

[redacted] attorney concerning the contemplated deal. The lawyer advised [redacted] that the deal would be legal, but questioned the wisdom of going into any venture with an individual like FISCHETTI.

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During the course of imparting this information,
the informant raised a question as to [redacted]

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[redacted] FISCHETTI. He was informed by the interviewing agent that such decision must rest entirely with himself, and that no advice, directly or indirectly, could be afforded him by the interviewing agent in making up his mind. He stated he understood this fully.

On the same date, the informant related that he had had a visit from one [redacted] a personal friend of the informant, and described by the informant as a [redacted] was accompanied on his visit to the informant by [redacted] a close personal friend of [redacted] who, to the knowledge of the informant, has no connection with [redacted]

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The informant related that [redacted] The top amount loaned on these accounts is about \$2,000. Such loans are payable after sixty days on a "6 for 5" basis.

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The informant stated that he was recently approached [redacted]

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[redacted] The informant is still debating whether to [redacted] although he is inclined/not to do so. Although [redacted] made the offer, the informant feels that [redacted] is actually behind the deal.

The informant related that sometime ago, [redacted] wanted to [redacted] the purpose of [redacted] The informant [redacted] because according to his statement, he did not want to get mixed up with [redacted]

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The informant stated that the Lincoln Sherry Hotel is about to go bankrupt.

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[redacted] before any action is taken to declare the hotel bankrupt.

On this occasion, the informant also stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] is a close friend of JOE FISCHETTI.
The informant stated that [redacted]

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Miami, Florida
October 5, 1962

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RE: [redacted]

[redacted] The above informant was originally contacted on [redacted]
At that time he furnished the highlights of information which was obtained in greater detail on [redacted] b7D

[redacted] the informant furnished the following information:

[redacted] He has known JOSEPH FISCHETTI [redacted].
[redacted] FISCHETTI had the Grotto Bar in the Italian village at the Chicago Worlds Fair. He was associated with his brother, CHARLES FISCHETTI, in this venture.

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In 1934, JOSEPH FISCHETTI was associated with the San Carlo Bar and Restaurant at the Chicago Worlds Fair. In this enterprise, he was associated with PAUL RICCA (Paul the Waiter) and one WEINHART (deceased), who was a close associate of MURRAY HUMPHREYS.

From 1934 to 1940, JOE FISCHETTI was associated with the Silver Slipper, a big dance hall on the outskirts of Chicago. This establishment was operated by RALPH CAPONE and LOUIE LIPSER (phonetic), a partner of the late AL CAPONE. Both LIPSER and RALPH CAPONE are now in Milwaukee.

In 1940, JOSEPH FISCHETTI and his brother, CHARLES, acquired a handbook at the Black Hawk Hotel, Chicago. At about the same time, they acquired the Brown Derby Night Club on Wabash Avenue in Chicago, which they kept only about six months.

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They sold the Brown Derby to one SAM RUMINELLI, [REDACTED], who went into the venture with very little money and had difficulty paying for it.

The informant recalls that one night JOSEPH FISCHETTI [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] RUMINELLI purchased the Copacabana Night Club in Chicago. Shortly after he acquired this property, he was killed in gangland style. At the time of his death, RUMINELLI had had the Brown Derby for about six or seven years.

The informant stated that RUMINELLI was a sharp character who was generally disliked. The informant does not know why RUMINELLI was killed.

In approximately 1951, [REDACTED]

At this time, it is possible that CHARLES FISCHETTI had withdrawn from this establishment and left JOE in charge. Apparently JOE had incurred the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thereafter, JOE was [REDACTED]

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JOSEPH FISCHETTI tried to get connected with a handbook at the old coliseum on 22nd and Wabash, and also at the Chez Paree Night Club.

[REDACTED]
if JOSEPH FISCHETTI was allowed to become associated with it. FISCHETTI became unpopular with the "boys" as he was drawing [REDACTED] Even his brother, ROCCO, who had the Deerfield, a huge gambling casino on the outskirts of Chicago, would not take JOE in.

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JOE therefore came to Florida. His oldest brother, CHARLES, was already established in Florida from having spent vacations down here.

JOE was not in Florida very long when his brother, CHARLES, died.

Upon arriving in Florida, JOE hustled gin rummy and poker games.

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[redacted] where the Puccini Restaurant is now located. Gambling games were held in the small quarters in the rear of the restaurant [redacted]
lives.

JOE became friendly

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[redacted] JOE this position in return for a various enterprises.

JOE had been friendly for many years in Chicago with JIMMY DURANTE, the well known entertainer. About eight or ten years ago, when the career of FRANK SINATRA was at a low ebb, JOE prevailed on DURANTE to give SINATRA a break. DURANTE did so and SINATRA began the climb to the top which has now made him an extremely powerful man in Hollywood and the entertainment field. Through SINATRA, FISCHETTI is now able to obtain just about any act he wants at any time he wants it.

The informant stated that FISCHETTI orders SINATRA, and does not make requests of him. This gives rise to the conjecture on the part of the informant that more than mere gratitude may be involved in the relationship.

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As to FISCHETTI's present position, he is now well connected at the Deauville Hotel on Miami Beach. He [redacted]

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JOE did have the door at the Fontainebleau Hotel. The informant heard that he lost this concession. As an example, the informant stated that after the Puccini Restaurant closed in 5/62, [redacted]

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Fontainebleau and [redacted] at that hotel. The Fontainebleau Hotel draws a different class of people from the Deauville, and a waiter captain's job at the Fontainebleau is a better position.

[redacted] is presently working at the [redacted]
[redacted] on Miami Beach.

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With regard to the opening of the Puccini Restaurant in 1961, the money for this enterprise was supplied by ROCCO FISCHETTI, who used approximately \$85,000.00 that he had received back from the State Government in Illinois. This was money which had been seized by local authorities in a gambling raid and which the court in Cook County, Illinois, subsequently ordered returned to ROCCO.

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JOE FISCHETTI had no money in Puccini's. It is difficult for the informant to figure why ROCCO wanted to go into this venture in the first place. Since the restaurant closed in 5/62, for the summer, FISCHETTI has

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[redacted] It is the plan of FISCHETTI to reopen the restaurant.

The opening of the Puccini Restaurant in the winter of 1961 is the first instance to the knowledge of the informant that ROCCO has been associated with JOE. JOE is not generally liked by "the boys" as evidenced by the lack of steady trade from them at the Puccini Restaurant during the past winter season.

[redacted] the informant furnished the following information:

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JOE FISCHETTI flew to Chicago on Friday, 8/10/62.

[redacted]

One FRANK JOEY (phonetic) was kicked to death in gangland fashion in or near Calumet City, Illinois, on 8/13/62. JOEY was an individual who had been convicted of a narcotics violation and reportedly was getting ready to cooperate with the authorities at the time of his death. The informant felt that there might be a connection between FISCHETTI's trip to Chicago and the slaying of JOEY.

One JIM DUZIE (phonetic) died in the Italian Garden Restaurant on Biscayne Boulevard some years ago.

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[redacted] is a good friend of JOE FISCHETTI and may also possibly [redacted]

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JOE FISCHETTI is definitely in "solid" at the Deauville Hotel on Miami Beach. FRANK SINATRA will play there during the coming winter season. Other top flight entertainers will also perform there.

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One [redacted] (phonetic), of Las Vegas, is a good friend of JOE FISCHETTI. On one occasion, JOE [redacted] at the Brass Rail in Las Vegas.

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[redacted] the informant furnished the following information:

Upon recontact concerning the murder in Chicago, the informant knows that the date that FISCHETTI went to Chicago was 8/10/62. The informant explained that [redacted]

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from FISCHETTI. The informant explained that on occasions when [redacted] he would ask in a somewhat upset manner whether anyone had seen JOE or whether JOE had called.

On this occasion, the informant expressed the belief that the Puccini Restaurant would not reopen, but that the little house in the back of the restaurant would be kept for gambling purposes. [redacted]

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information. [redacted] the informant furnished the following

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ROCCO FISCHETTI may pull out of the Puccini Restaurant. Present plans are for the restaurant to re-open in the fall, but the FISCHETTI boys would still like to sell the place for \$100,000.00. According to the informant's understanding, ROCCO FISCHETTI knew the restaurant would be a "lemon" when he put his money into it, but he had to do something with the approximately \$80,000.00 that he had received back from Cook County, Illinois, authorities.

The restaurant still owes considerable money for air-conditioning, carpenter work, flooring, carpeting, painting, etc.

When the FISCHETTI boys took over the restaurant,

ROCCO put in approximately another \$25,000.00 or \$30,000.00. In spite of this amount of money put into the restaurant, considerable debts are still owed on it, as indicated above.

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was looking for JOE FISCHETTI, but apparently did not
get to see him.

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Talk is now that the Puccini Restaurant will
reopen and that [redacted]

[redacted] Plans to have a gambling room in the back apparently
are off, as something went wrong in trying to get the green
light.

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[redacted] the informant was telephonically
contacted and stated that he had no new information.

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[redacted] the informant furnished the following
information:

The Puccini Restaurant will reopen on 10/15/62.
FRANK SINATRA, the entertainer, is going to have something
to do with it. This may be nothing more than "plugging"
the restaurant in a public appearance. JOE FISCHETTI is

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[REDACTED] The restaurant will also feature dancing

this year.

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[REDACTED] JOE FISCHETTI was then in Las Vegas.

FISCHETTI has booked entertainment for the entire season at the Deauville Hotel. This will be the best type of entertainment with top flight stars.

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Last year, the Puccini Restaurant obtained its [REDACTED] The restaurant will probably do the same this year.

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Puccini Restaurant when difficulties arose in getting same.

It is the belief of the informant, although he is not sure, that JOE FISCHETTI is now out of the Fontainebleau Hotel. The informant does not know any details, but is of the opinion that possibly some friction exists between FISCHETTI and the Fontainebleau.

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Miami, Florida
October 24, 1962

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[redacted] advised as follows:

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JOE FISCHETTI is again booking acts into the Fontainebleau. The past three weeks FISCHETTI has been around the hotel a great deal. He heard that through the efforts of FRANK SINATRA, some acts and close associates were persuaded to sign up for the coming season.

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We heard rumors that [redacted]
and the hotel open to the public this season.

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Information reached him that when SAM GIANCANA and some of the other boys are around the Fontainebleau

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Sex
Age
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